

(b) the amount of World Bank assistance spent for this purpose so far;

(c) the number of educational research centres set up with the help of World Bank assistance; and

(d) the funds proposed to be spent during 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) The total No. of laboratories of Government Polytechnics being modernised with the World Bank assistance in Uttar Pradesh is 362. The amount spent for this purpose as on 31.12.96 is Rs. 135.90 million.

(c) The Educational Research Centres are not being established with the World Bank assistance.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

[English]

Nizam Sagar Project in A.P.

2426. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Nizam Sagar in Andhra Pradesh which used to provide irrigation facilities to the entire Nizamabad region has become silted and its potential has come down;

(b) if so, whether any proposal has been submitted by the State Government for desilting and improving the irrigation potential of Nizam Sagar;

(c) whether any World Bank/ADB assistance has been sought for revival of Nizam Sagar;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, whether any scheme has been proposed by the Union Government to revive the Nizam Sagar to develop the backward region of Nizamabad; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government has not submitted any proposal for desilting and improving the irrigation potential of Nizam Sagar. However, State Government is implementing "Improvement to Nizam Sagar" scheme.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Bridges in Maharashtra

2427. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of bridges constructed since 1994 on the National Highways in Maharashtra;

(b) the total expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) whether some proposals are pending with the Union Government regarding construction of the bridges on National Highways in Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) 17 bridges costing Rs. 17.00 crores stand completed since 1994.

(c) and (d) 4 works have already been sanctioned in the current (1996-97) Plan. However, two works are under scrutiny.

Construction of School Buildings in M.P.

2428. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the districts in Madhya Pradesh in which Rajiv Gandhi Foundation has taken the job of construction and repair of the school buildings in hand; and

(b) the district-wise amount allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) The Department of Education in the Ministry of Human Resource Development has not released any funds to Rajiv Gandhi Foundation for construction and repair of school buildings.

[English]

Japanese Fever

2429. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that a number of deaths have taken place in Kerala due to the out break of 'Japanese Fever'?

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent the out break of this fever?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per reports from the State Health Authorities, 91 cases and 15 deaths due to suspected Japanese Encephalitis in five districts of Kerala have been recorded from 1st January, 1997 to 1st March, 1997.

(c) The steps taken to prevent and contain the outbreak of the disease include :

- ** intensified vector control measures, entomological monitoring and IEC activities to create community awareness;
- ** guidelines in the form of action plan and calendar of activities for control of disease which have been provided to the State;
- ** adequate number of fogging machines along with insecticides, provided to the state for vector control;
- ** funds have been released to meet contingent expenditure of the state on emergency basis.

[Translation]

Recognition to Private Hospitals in U.P.

2430. SHRI S.P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

- (a) the criteria fixed by the Government to recognise private hospitals under Government Health Scheme;
- (b) whether Government have received a number of applications from private hospitals in Uttar Pradesh in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government propose to recognise private hospitals in many cities of Uttar Pradesh including Varanasi; and
- (e) if so, the time by which these hospitals are likely to be reorganised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) For recognition of private hospitals/diagnostic centres in the CGHS covered ties, rate quotations were asked from the hospitals/quagnostic centre. The hospitals were inspected by a five-member Committee who examined the physical infrastructure available as well as level of expertise for various specialities.

(b) to (e) A total of 60 applications (Allahabad-11, Kanpur-18, Lucknow-12 and Meerut-19) have been received from private hospitals in Uttar Pradesh for recognition under CGHS, and the recognition process is underway.

As Varanasi is not covered under CGHS, there is no proposal to recognise private hospitals in that city.

[English]

Professional Courses in Colleges

2431. SHRI NITISH BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to start some new professional courses in colleges in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the professional courses to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), the Commission initiated a Scheme in 1994 for starting vocational courses at the first degree level in universities and colleges. A statement indicating the vocational subjects which can be introduced by the eligible universities/colleges, subject to the terms and conditions of the scheme, is attached.

Statement

The Vocational Subjects which can be introduced by universities/colleges

1. Functional Hindi
2. Functional Sanskrit
3. Communicative English
4. Archaeology and Museology
5. Principles and Practices of Insurance
6. Actuarial Science
7. Office Management and Secretarial Practices
8. Tax Procedures and Practices
9. Foreign Trade Practices and Procedures
10. Tourism and Travel Management
11. Advertising, Sales Promotion (Sales Management)
12. Computer Application
13. Industrial Chemistry (Seven Streams)
14. Food Science and Quality control
15. Clinical Nutrition Dietetics
16. Industrial Microbiology
17. Bio-Technology
18. Biological Tech. and Specimen preparation
19. Seed Technology
20. Sericulture
21. Industrial Fishing and Fishery
22. Instrumentation